



EXTERMINATION OF THE INVALUABLE BLIGHT-RESISTANT WILD PEAR.

(*PYRUS USSURIENSIS* MAXIM.)

Nothing could illustrate more forcibly the necessity for a quick exploration of China than this picture of the destruction for fuel of a grove of wild pears in Chihli Province. This particular species has been proved by the researches of Mr. F. C. Reimer, of the Oregon Experiment Station, to be highly resistant to the destructive pear-blight, or fire-blight, and Mr. Frank N. Meyer was authorized to secure a large amount of seed of it. Between the time of Mr. Meyer's first visit to this grove, nine years ago, and the date of this photograph, the Chinese have made a good beginning in the extermination of what seems likely to prove an invaluable wild species of pear. In order to study this and other Chinese species of pear and to secure a large amount of seed, Mr. Reimer has been sent to China to meet Mr. Meyer, who is already there. (Photographed by Frank N. Meyer, December 3, 1916, at Shinlungshan, Chihli Province, China; P13229FS.)